

100,000 Huns Trapped As Breslau Crumbles

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—SUICIDE CITY

MARSHAL KONEV'S TROOPS HAVE MADE A BIG NEW GAIN IN THEIR DRIVE INTO Breslau, WHERE HITLER HAS ORDERED HIS 100,000-STRONG GARRISON TO FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN AND THE LAST HOUSE.

Brazil Troops Beat Off Huns In Italy

AMERICAN and Brazilian troops of the Fifth Army in Italy have consolidated their positions on Mount Della Torretta and Mount Castello and have driven off further enemy attempts to regain these features.

This co-operation between U.S. and Brazilian troops was disclosed in yesterday's communiqués from Allied Mediterranean Headquarters.

In addition, Brazilian troops eliminated several pockets of German resistance and supported operations in the Biviere area, where the Germans threw in reserves.

One German unit, after six days' marching from North Italy, was suddenly headed into motor trucks and rushed to the Biviere area.

In the local attack, the mountain ridges above the upper Reno valley, Fifth Army troops gained further dominating ground, in spite of increasingly strong German resistance.

A further important contingent from Brazil has arrived in Italy.

Italian partisans operating under American command near the village of Corneta in the path of the Fifth Army advance.

German patrols are active on the Eighth Army front in far weather, and there has been change in the situation—Reuter.

More Men For U.S. Army

NEW YORK, Saturday.—More men than the ages of thirty and thirty-three inclusive are to be taken into the U.S. army under a new Government decree, issued today.

The Selective Service authorities decreed that men in that group, hitherto deferred "if engaged in essential industries, now must be necessary to and regularly engaged in activity in war production."

There are 1,500,000 in the group, and men over thirty, it has been stated officially, will form 30 per cent of this year's entire draft call—Reuter.

BOMBS ON SWISS SOIL

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Japs Fall Back To Defence Of Burma Oilfield

WITH THE 14th Army, Saturday.—The Japanese are falling back to prepared positions in and around the Burma oilfields.

Fighting mainly rearguard actions, they appear to be preparing a big stand to hold this valuable oil.

Scouting parties towards the oilfields in the Sittoung area, about 50 miles west of Sittoung, report that the Japs lines are thinning as they fall back.

From their bridgehead across the river opposite Myittha, 23rd Corps troops have beaten back more Japanese attacks, and British tanks have made solid advances along the river towards Mandalay.

On the northern bank of the Irrawaddy, other troops have captured another village in the Sittoung Hills—B.U.P.

MORE PALESTINE ARRESTS

In the interests of public safety, another seven persons have been detained in Palestine under the emergency regulations, an official communication announced yesterday, adding that they had been transferred to military camps and taken to a place of detention in Sudan.

GETS ETHIOPIAN HONOUR

Miss Sylvia Pinkhurst, who has returned from Ethiopia, received, before her departure, from the Emperor the decoration of the Queen of Sheba First Class, Ethiopia's highest honour according to tradition.

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Smash All West Of The Rhine

POLINA from among Gen. Eisenhower's statements were:

If the German command show the spirit he has now, there is only one way he can be beaten—the Allied armies must meet to the Russian army in the centre of Germany.

I can conceive of no more headache than Germans are now having with their communications at a time when their forces are stretched out and they have no urgent need to move troops.

Given a continuation of conditions as we see them now, reasonable break with the weather, I am not at all sanguine for July Kansas weather—the attacks we are seeing now show the beginning of the destruction of the German forces west of the Rhine.

Speaking of the German Ardennes counter-offensive, Gen. Eisenhower said:

I was not nearly as frightened during the action as when I saw the newspapers from the United States a few weeks later.

RUSSIAN WARNING

The Russians have advised Gen. Eisenhower to be on the alert to stamp out every possible underground activity to save himself the trouble they have experienced in the East, the General revealed.

He believed it would be necessary to overrun Germany, stamping out the underground.

The Allies will not, nevertheless, spare the Rhine bridges at the time when they will cross them, he went on. "The Germans will destroy them at the moment's notice."

Obviously, some Germans will escape across the Rhine by the remaining bridges and on barges and tugs.

But the General pointed out that in all its history the Rhine had never been defended successfully.

When conditions are good for bomber operations, it would seem more important to use the maximum bomber strength against Germany's oil supplies and communications—B.U.P.

Nazi Armament Works Underground

Most of the Reich's armament industry is now underground, said the German radio last week. The greater part of the industry has been driven underground. Production of the most important weapons can be carried on, therefore, unimpeded by air raids—Reuter.

TIT'S NEW BLOW

MARSHAL Tito's forces have crossed to the left bank of the River Sava and captured an enemy transport 30 miles south-east of Zagreb, says a British United Press cable.



Chinese coolies who are man-handling thousands of tons of materials for reconstruction work on the Burma Road, which has now been reopened.

U.S. May Send Them

PRE-FAB HOME TO LAST 2245

From HAROLD HUTCHINSON, B.U.P. Staff Correspondent

PREFABRICATED houses sold enough to last 300 years are planned for Britain by an American contractor who has tendered for the construction in the United States of 30,000 prefabricated houses for Britain.

The contracts will be placed early next month.

When tenders were invited, a design was laid down by the U.S. federal housing authority. This is the sort of house they want:

It will be 24 ft. 2 in. square, with in addition a vestibule or hall measuring 7 ft. by 3 ft. 10 in. There will be no fireplaces.

The bathroom measures 5 ft. by 8 ft. 5 in. and kitchen 7 ft. 6 in. by 11 ft. 8 in.

NO FIREPLACES

There is a larger with storage shelves at the rear of the house, but there will be no fireplaces. Instead, there will be "a cubby hole accommodating a stove to burn anthracite or similar fuel."

This, the only source of heating, will be placed to give general warmth in all rooms.

The builder of the house to last 300 years says he will put up 10,000 houses ready for shipment to Britain if his contract is accepted.

It takes the 100-year supply materials," he said. "All the houses are fully insulated and are at least as warm as well-built houses of brick."

"It takes about 170 man hours to erect each house."

New Bombs For Fighter-Bombers

RAF fighter-bombers are now carrying the most powerful bombs, those of the size of 1,000-pounders, timed to explode in a few feet above the target.

The bombs are actually large cylinders carrying 28-pound bombs.

The large bomb bursts open at a pre-determined height, showering the area below with smaller explosives, which are attached to parachutes allowing the bombs to fall without making rattle.

SHELL-SHOCKED HUNS

Outnumbered, outgunned and stunned by the force of the Allied artillery and aerial bombing, the prisoners were bedraggled and shell-shocked.

They had thrown in six tons of the underground. The divisions holding the sector too badly spread to hold the assault.

So, at the battle west of the Rhine, the allies increasingly at a disadvantage, the German forces fortified towns are toppling.

Just as the German forces at Aachen, Glimbach, Groenich, Rurich, Korfing and Bial, north of Linnich, fell to the British Army in the first 24 hours.

Industrial Durheim was being invested last night, and the steady Allied drive beyond the Linnich-Julich-Duren road went on.

(Based on messages from Reuter, A.P., B.U.P., and Exchange)

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